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Side Events Report

Among the over 80 side and special events held during the 27th session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 41 were organized or co-organized by UNODC, in close cooperation with a dozen international and regional partners and together with nearly 30 Member States, representing all regional groups

These side events covered a wide range of topics, namely: criminal justice matters; counter terrorism and prevention of violent extremism; combatting corruption; prevention of child abuse and exploitation; fight against trafficking in persons, drugs and arms, and smuggling of migrants; cyber security; and security sector reform. It is worth mentioning that one-fourth of the events addressed the promotion of gender equality and the fight against sexual and gender-based violence.

Monday, 14 May 2018

SWEETENING THE DEAL: BITTER TESTIMONIES ON CORRUPTION AND WILDLIFE CRIME (organized by the Governments of France and the United Kingdom and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Corruption and Economic Crime Branch and the Global Programme for Combating Wildlife and Forest Crime)



The side event provided a platform to develop a better understanding as to how corruption linked to wildlife crime occurs. By means of concrete examples, speakers from France, the United Kingdom and Uganda demonstrated how corruption manifests itself and how it can be addressed. The representatives from France and the UK reiterated the importance of cooperation, especially in light of the London Conference in October this year.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS—THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE (organized by the Governments of Canada and Colombia, the UNODC Justice Section and the Council of Europe)

This side event highlighted the crucial role that restorative justice programmes play in increasing access to justice – particularly for vulnerable and marginalized populations – and provided an opportunity for Member States to learn about the recent developments in the area. It was stressed that, as a participatory, flexible, and problem-solving approach to addressing crime, restorative justice allowed all stakeholders, such as the victim, the offender, and other affected members of the community, to take part in addressing and repairing the harm caused by the crime. In addition, the outcome of the Expert Group Meeting on Restorative Justice in Criminal Matters, held in Ottawa in November 2017, was shared, as well as new developments in the field, such as the Council of Europe’s draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers concerning restorative justice in criminal matters.



The event featured the Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada), Mr. Carlos Medina Ramirez (Vice Minister of Criminal Policy and Restorative Justice of Colombia), Ms. Iliana Taneva (Deputy Head of the Criminal Law Division of the Council of Europe) and Dr. Ian Marder (Scientific Expert of the Council of Europe). The event was moderated by Ms. Valérie Lebaux (UNODC Justice Section).

PAKISTAN'S ACTION TO COUNTER TERRORISM *(organized by the Government of Pakistan and the UNODC Office Pakistan)*

During the opening session, Her Excellency Ms. Ayesha Riyaz highlighted the close working relationship between UNODC and Pakistan, while Mr. Ihsan Ghani (National Coordinator of NACTA and head of delegation) briefed the participants on recent initiatives undertaken by NACTA and applauded the support being rendered by the UNODC Country Office under the framework of a European Union supported project entitled "PACT". He also informed the participants that NACTA is in consultative stages with UNODC for developing a comprehensive five-year project which would pave the path for greater cooperation.

Mr. Mauro Miedico from the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC expressed appreciation for the contributions of Pakistan in eliminating terrorism while assuring continued support in meeting the common challenges posed by terrorism. UNODC Country Representative for Pakistan Mr. Cesar Guedes thanked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NACTA for their participation and informed the delegates on the five-day exhibition booth which the Government of Pakistan and UNODC had jointly organized at the margins of the 27th Commission to highlight the success of PACT.



Ms. Humaira Mufti, the Director General Legal of NACTA, along with Brig. Inayat Hussain, Director Operations from the Military Operation Directorate of Pakistan Army, delivered a detailed presentation on Pakistan's response to counter terrorism while highlighting the success achieved under the National Action Plan and various other national initiatives aimed at eliminating terrorism.

WOMEN AND HIV IN PRISON *(organized by the Governments of Norway and Sweden, the UNODC HIV/AIDS Section and Penal Reform International)*

The side event was co-chaired by H.E. Ms. Helen Maria EDUARDES Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Mission of Sweden; and Ms. Anne-Li FERGUSON Senior



Adviser, Ministry of Justice, Norway; and was moderated by Ms. Monica BEG, Chief, HIV/AIDS Section, Global Coordinator for HIV, UNODC. The event provided a space for informative and inspired discussions on the current situation of and response to HIV among women in prisons. Furthermore, the event shed light on the progress made by the UNODC HIV/AIDS Section on HIV prevention and care among women in prisons to address gender specific health

needs, including the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV. During the event a short video was played to present testimonies on challenges and opportunities related to women's health in prison in countries from different geographical regions.

SPECIAL EVENT: UNODC, CYBERCRIME AND PREVENTION OF ONLINE CHILD ABUSE THROUGH INNOVATIVE APPROACHES (EXEMPLIFIED BY THE PROJECT POLICE2PEER) *(organized by the Governments of El Salvador and Norway and the UNODC Division for Treaty Affairs)*

The side-event presented "Police2Peer" as a good example of new and innovative approaches to preventive action in the area of online child abuse, also reflecting the implementation of prevention as the most central strategy in the Norwegian Police as part of ongoing police reform.

The event was co-chaired by the Norwegian Justice Minister and El Salvador's Vice Justice Minister with moderation by UNODC's Neil Walsh, who briefly explained UNODC's role in countering cybercrime via the existing Intergovernmental Expert Group and through capacity building measures. The focus then moved to the current cybercrime trends in Norway and how online child sexual abuse reporting had risen (in line with a proactive campaign to help victims report). The discussion also highlighted cooperation between El Salvador and UNODC in the area of criminal justice capacity building.

SPECIAL EVENT: THREAT POSED BY THE USE OF THE INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA BY TERRORIST GROUPS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES *(organized by the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch)*

Discussions focused on the use of information and communication technologies, including social media platforms, to commit, incite, recruit for, fund or plan terrorist acts; challenges and opportunities for law enforcement and the judiciary in addressing this misuse; and effective counter-measures, including counter-terrorism narratives and international judicial and law enforcement cooperation. The panelists agreed that the misuse of these technologies presents

a dynamic threat, and that there is a need to build capacity to investigate and prosecute utilization of these platforms, including by further enhancing cooperation between states, as well as between state authorities and private sector providers at the national and local level.

Speakers include: H.E. Ms. Vivian N. R. Okeke, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations in Vienna; H.E. Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde, Roving Ambassador of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean and the Director of Counter-terrorism, Cybersecurity and Cyber Defense at Saint-Cyr Sogeti/Thales Special Military School, France; Mr. Pedro Verdelho, Head of the Cybercrime Department in the Prosecutor General’s Office, Portugal; and Lt. Waleed Amayreh, Officer in the Special Branch of the Public Security Directorate, Jordan. The discussion was led by Mr. John Brandolino, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs



REDUCING CRIME IN CITIES – TAKING ACTION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL *(Organized by UNODC’s Justice Section and the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs with support from the Governments of Kyrgyzstan and Mexico, and the UNODC-INEGI Center of Excellence for Statistical Information on Government, Crime, Victimization and Justice in Mexico)*

The side event “Reducing Crime in Cities – Taking Action at the Local Level” provided an opportunity for panellists and delegates to discuss concrete crime prevention initiatives implemented in different cities around the world. The event garnered great interest among practitioners and spurred a fruitful debate.



The discussion, led by the moderator, Ms. Gillian Murray, Deputy Director of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs of UNODC, explored crime prevention from a variety of perspectives: the design and implementation of local crime prevention strategies, as outlined by Mr. Erkinbek Isakov, Vice-Mayor of the city of Bishkek; the need to raise awareness among policy makers on cost-effective interventions, such as positive parenting and reaching out to at-risk youth, as highlighted by Professor Irvin Waller, a renowned criminologist and Professor



at the University of Ottawa; safety audits as a tool to obtain an accurate local crime diagnosis and inform inclusive, evidence-based policies, as summarized by Ms. Salomé Flores Sierra, Coordinator of the Center of Excellence in Statistical Information on Government, Crime, Victimization and Justice; and the role of the city in addressing crime, violence and insecurity in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda, as explained by Mr. Juma Assiago, Coordinator of the Safer Cities Programme at UN-Habitat. “There is Plenty of evidence of what works and what does not work at the city level on the local governance of safety, and the coproduction of security for all”, he said. The panel concluded with a dynamic Q&A session.

SPECIAL EVENT - HIGH LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE UN GLOBAL STUDY ON CHILDREN DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY *(organized by the Governments of Austria and Switzerland, the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UNODC Justice Section)*



The event focused on raising awareness of the Global Study process, including the steps towards collecting data on this phenomenon. It served to encourage further engagement/participation of a broad range of stakeholders, including state authorities, UN agencies, academia and civil society, as well as children, at national and regional levels to support submission of responses to the Study Questionnaire.

UNODC, a co-organiser of the event, delivered a presentation on the UNODC Global Programme on Violence against Children as a vehicle to effectively implement the United Nations Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Tuesday, 15 May 2018

COUNTERING ORGANIZED CRIME RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES: CHALLENGES REGARDING PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS *(organized by the UNODC Organized Crime Branch CRIMJUST Programme and the UNODC Liaison and Partnership Office in Mexico)*

The objective of the side event was to present best practices in the protection of vulnerable groups to shield unlawful recruitment strategies used by organized criminal networks, as well as to highlight the contribution of the Mexican institutions to the CRIMJUST programme, which will be providing technical support to strengthen institutional capacities towards identifying good practices and lessons learned to facilitate replication across Latin America.

The holistic approach displayed by the panel provided a clear idea of the situation that mainly children and women face, particularly, in Mexico and West Africa. Panellists discussed and presented



institutional guidelines aiming to reduce the risk for recruitment and victimization. Through innovating and comprehensively complementing classic responses in support of criminal justice actors, the CRIMJUST Programme seeks to include additional contributions to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), notably:



supporting national strategies to help countries to achieve Goal 5: gender equality; Goal 11: sustainable cities and communities; Goal 16: peace justice and strong institutions; and Goal 17: partnerships for the goals. As cooperation remains a key element to address the current challenges, UNODC will continuously strengthen justice mechanisms to promote a culture of peace at all levels to ensure children and women a life free of violence.

GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN: INSTITUTING TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE THROUGH GENDER-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING AND EVALUATION—SHOWCASING UNODC’S ADVANCEMENTS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND THE SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS (*organized by UNODC*)

This side event was introduced and chaired by Ms. Christine Brautigam, Director of the UN WOMEN Intergovernmental Support Division. She emphasized the importance of increased attention to gender equality issues. Furthermore, she acknowledged that the new UNOV/UNODC Gender Equality Strategy provides a robust framework for implementation of gender equality commitments and achievement of the 2030 Agenda. Ms. Marian Salema from the UNODC Gender Programme outlined the vision and goals articulated in the [UNOV/UNODC Gender Equality Strategy](#). Talking about the role of gender-responsive evaluation in delivering UNODC’s mandate, the chief of IEU, Ms. Katharina Kayser, affirmed that evaluation has a significant role to play in ensuring gender issues are crosscutting and embedded within all aspects of UNODC’s work. She further explained how the evaluation competency framework as well as the overall evaluation process are now gender-responsive and how this has contributed to an increased UN SWAP score of evaluation at UNODC.



The chief of Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, Mr. Ilias Chatzis, welcomed the role of evaluation in strengthening UNODC’s understanding of gender issues and expressed hope that the implementation of the UNODC gender strategy will progress through all UNODC programmes and projects. He outlined how UNODC mainstreams gender throughout its counter human trafficking and migrant smuggling work; in particular by identifying and addressing gender specific issues regarding to trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants, training of staff in gender mainstreaming as well as a rights-based and victim-centered approach as a focus in capacity building activities. In conclusion, the panellists stressed that gender mainstreaming and work towards gender equality, is a collective, organizational and programmatic endeavor for all stakeholders—including Member States and UNOV/UNODC staff at all levels.

THE CCP WOMEN'S NETWORK: GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT AT THE BORDER *(organized by the UNODC Organized Crime Branch Container Control Programme)*



Recognizing that women generally remain underrepresented in customs and other law enforcement professions, the CCP Women's Network was established in 2015 to promote the participation and role of women in the UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme and to raise awareness and sensitise national law enforcement agencies on gender issues.

The Women's Network organised a side-event to highlight experiences of women customs officers from Cambodia, Portugal and Uganda.

In his opening remarks, Mr. John Brandolino, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC, listed concrete achievements of the CCP Women's Network, a flagship initiative, including the launch of a gender sensitisation training module and the establishment of a quarterly newsletter. He emphasised the importance UNODC places on mainstreaming gender into initiatives such as the CCP, highlighting the link to Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender equality.



The panellists offered different perspectives with regard to challenges and opportunities for women working in customs administrations, pointing out that negative stereotypes, confidence gaps and the lack of real access to equal opportunities, hampers career development. Several common themes were raised, including the need to provide

women officers with opportunities for technical skills training at the same level as male colleagues and the importance of countering unconscious bias in recruitment practices.

SPECIAL EVENT: SOUTHERN ROUTE PARTNERSHIP. COUNTERING MARITIME NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN *(organized by the UNODC Regional Office for Eastern Africa Global Maritime Crime Programme)*

During the event, the Southern Route Partnership (SRP) was presented as a response to the need for a coordinated approach to target drug trafficking on the Southern Route. The SRP provides a coordination framework for national drug enforcement agencies and international partners to identify priority areas and to coordinate support that enhances common objectives as well as to provide a platform for regular engagement and the conduct of research on the

Southern Route, including the collation of statistical data. The discussion also highlighted the leading role of the Combined Maritime Forces in disrupting the southern route trafficking as well as the Indian Ocean Forum on Maritime Crime (IOFMC) that was established within the UNODC Global Maritime Crime Programme to strengthen regional cooperation and counter criminal activity in the maritime domain among the littoral states of the Indian Ocean region.

THE UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING: FOCUS ON ASSISTING WOMEN AND GIRLS. GOOD PRACTICES FROM FRANCE AND CÔTE D’IVOIRE *(organized by the Government of France and the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking in Persons Secretariat)*

The event highlighted the achievements and lessons learned of the Trust Fund’s second grant cycle and the way forward. French Ambassador, Mr. Jean Louis Falconi, spoke on the importance of victim assistance in France and the role of the Trust Fund in the global fight against human trafficking. NGOs from France and Côte d’Ivoire shared their experiences and good practices in assisting women and girl victims, with the aim of providing survivors with a dignified and sustainable second chance at life.



DEVELOPMENT-LED APPROACH IN CRIME PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS *(organized by the Government of Thailand, the Thailand Institute of Justice and the UNODC Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific)*

The side event provided a platform to explore a new paradigm in crime prevention by taking into account the broader development agenda as well as to discuss the link between SDGs and crime prevention. The participants also had an opportunity to exchange good practices in tackling the lack of access to social and economic opportunity, which was considered to be the root cause of crime. Additionally, the discussion focused on ways forward with possible areas of cooperation among all relevant actors.

TRAINING FIRST-RESPONDERS IN MEXICO TO FIGHT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE *(organized by the UNODC Liaison and Partnership Office in Mexico)*



Mr. Antonino De Leo, UNODC LPO Mexico Representative, and Ms. Marisol Aguilar, Project Coordinator, participated with the aim to define alliances, the implemented methodology, achievements and perspectives. On the part of the National Security Commission (Mexico), Ms. Mireya Barbosa Betancourt, Head of the Institutional Development and Integration Unit,

and Ms. Lorena Baños, Liaison for Gender Equality and Attention Policies to Group in Situation of Vulnerability, discussed the importance of police professionalization on gender-based violence and inter institutional collaboration.

SPECIAL EVENT: NELSON MANDELA’S CENTENARY—HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE GROUP OF FRIENDS OF THE NELSON MANDELA RULES (THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS) *(organized by the Governments of Germany and South Africa and the UNODC Justice Section)*



Co-sponsored by the two Co-Chairs of the Group of Friends of the Nelson Mandela Rules (South Africa and Germany) and the Justice Section of UNODC, the Special Event on Nelson Mandela’s Centenary focused on promoting the practical application of the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners. Keynote speakers included Mr. Justice Dikgang Moseneke, former Deputy Chief Justice of South Africa, who was imprisoned

alongside Nelson Mandela on Robben Island for ten years and Hon. Mr. Andrea Orlando, Minister of Justice of the Italian Republic, who were followed by high-level speakers and practitioners from Argentina, Thailand and Sweden. The Justice Section reported on its activities under the Global Programme on Addressing Prison Challenges, including its on-going work on developing an e-learning course on the Nelson Mandela Rules.

CENTRAL ASIA’S NETWORK ON PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM *(organized by the Government of Kazakhstan and the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch Implementation Support Section I)*

On 15 May 2018, UNODC/TPB in cooperation with the Government of Kazakhstan organised a side event on “Central Asia’s Network on Preventing Violent Extremism”. At the event, UNODC/TPB officially launched the resource website on PVE, www.capve.org, which provides a platform for cooperation and information exchange among criminal justice practitioners, government officials, academic and civil society.



SPECIAL EVENT: THE MUSIC AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR PREVENTING CRIME AND VIOLENCE, PROMOTING SOCIAL INCLUSION AND A CULTURE OF PEACE *(organized by the Governments of Austria and Venezuela and the UNODC Justice Section)*



This event discussed how the music can be a powerful instrument to promote social inclusion, a culture of peace and therefore contribute to preventing violence against children. The “National System of Youth and Children’s Orchestras and Choirs of Venezuela (El Sistema), a public policy benefiting 1.000.377 children and youth implemented by the Venezuelan State, was presented as an evidence-based programme.

The impact of this public policy has been positively evaluated through scientific studies conducted by UNDP and the Inter-American Development Bank; the results of the evaluation were also presented at the event. UNODC, a co-organiser of the event, delivered a presentation on the UNODC Global Programme on Violence against Children as a vehicle to promote evidence-based practices aimed to prevent child involvement in crime and violence.



Wednesday, 16 May 2018

FIGHTING CORRUPTION THROUGH EDUCATION *(organized by the UNODC Corruption and Economic Crime Branch Implementation Support Section)*

Anti-corruption education programmes provide knowledge that empowers future generations to resist corruption, sharpen students’ ethical awareness and enhance their decision-making



capacities. Against this background, UNODC has developed a model academic course and is developing additional university modules to tackle corruption, under its Education for Justice (E4J) and ACAD initiatives. This side event brought together actors from different sectors to discuss the potential of these UNODC resources to support the fight against corruption. Speakers included Mr. Andreas Wieselthaler, Director of the Austrian Federal Bureau of Anti-

Corruption; Ms. Anna Petherick, Research Fellow at Oxford University’s Blavatnik School of Government; Ms. Ellen Goldberg, the former Head of Education at Integrity Action; Mr. Tim Kuhner, Law Professor at the University of Auckland; and Ms. Sigall Horovitz of UNODC’s Corruption and Economic Crime Branch. The event was moderated by Ms. Julia Pilgrim, Team Leader of UNODC’s Education for Justice (E4J) initiative.

ORGANIZED CRIMINAL GROUPS AND TERRORISTS’ ACCESS TO FIREARMS - ADDRESSING FIREARMS TRAFFICKING IN THE CONTEXT OF ORGANIZED CRIME AND TERRORISM *(organized by the Government of France and the UNODC Global Firearms Programme)*



Opening the side event, Mr. John Brandolino, Director of the UNODC Division for Treaty Affairs, emphasized that firearms can provide important clues on the structure and movements of organized criminal groups and spoke about the importance of instituting an integrated approach to understand the intersections between firearms trafficking and fighting organized crime and terrorism. H.E. Ambassador Brunet, Ambassador-at-

large on transnational criminal threats and the fight against the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons in France, highlighted the importance of strengthening efforts to counter firearms trafficking in the context of organized crime and terrorism and encouraged further interorganizational cooperation to tackle the criminal networks that deliver weapons to terrorists.



Panellists of the event, including representatives of the Flemish Peace Institute and the UNODC Global Firearms Programme, called for closing legal loopholes that facilitate the access to firearms, enhancing operational capacities and cooperation, and improving the intelligence picture, as well as investing, among others, in preventive measures that target the supply and the demand side of illicit firearms in order to address the specific links that exist between firearms trafficking, organized crime and terrorism, respectively.



TOWARDS A REGIONAL RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN THE SADC REGION *(organized by the UNODC Regional Office for Southern Africa)*

Ms. Zhuldyz Akisheva (UNODC ROSAF Regional Representative) and Ms. Olivya Martha Imalwa (Prosecutor General Namibia), reflected on gaps and challenges in the SADC region's response to gender-based violence against women to date and as well shared experiences on how the integrated approach to responding to GBV has been applied on the ground, particularly in Namibia.

HELPING CHILDREN STAY SAFE ONLINE: EDUCATION, INITIATIVES AND TOOLS *(organized by the Governments of Austria and El Salvador and the UNODC Corruption and Economic Crime Branch Doha Declaration Programme)*

Information on communications technology (ICT) and online safety education from an early age is a vital component of helping children be cyber safe. During this side event, UNODC's Education for Justice (E4J) initiative and its partners in Austria – Internet Service Providers Austria and the Vienna International School – presented educational tools and initiatives designed to minimize the risks of children in an increasingly digital world. The event was moderated by Mr. Neil Walsh, Chief of the Cybercrime and Anti-Money Laundering Section of UNODC, among the panellists featured Mr. Maximilian Schubert, General Secretary of Internet Service Providers Austria; Mr. Ben Hacking, Deputy Principal (Primary) of Vienna International School; and Ms. Kamola Ibragimova, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer of UNODC's Education for Justice (E4J) initiative.

CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: THE EXPERIENCE OF COLOMBIA *(organized by the Government of Colombia and the UNODC Country Office Colombia)*

The event was an opportunity for the Government of Colombia to showcase the work it has undertaken on crime prevention strategies with regards to trafficking in persons (TIP). The focus of the session was to demonstrate a prevention campaign, with a strong focus on women and girls vulnerable to being trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation, entitled #NotReal or #EsoEsCuento. UNODC, under the framework of the Global Action against Trafficking in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants (GLO.ACT) project, which is funded by the European Union, supported the Attorney's General Office of Colombia in developing this awareness-raising campaign as part of the governments overall efforts in developing crime prevention strategies against TIP.



SPECIAL EVENT: ENDING IMPUNITY FOR GENDER-RELATED KILLING OF WOMEN AND GIRLS— STATE RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY *(organized by the Governments of Austria, Chile, El Salvador, Finland, France, Italy, Kenya, Slovakia, Spain and Uruguay, the Organization of the Families of Asia and the Pacific, International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific, the Academic Council to the United Nations System, the African Women's Organisation, Dominicans for Justice and Peace and the UNODC Research and Trend Analysis Branch)*

A panel of experts debated the necessity to investigate and prosecute gender related killings of women and girls, i.e. femicide, in accordance with international law and due diligence principles, by further developing preventive measures, strengthening crime and criminal justice responses and mainstreaming gender into the justice system. Participants also discussed the compliance of state laws with resolutions and international treaties, such as the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women, as well as the role of international law and international legal instruments in holding accountable individuals as well as states for condoning gender based violence and the culmination of gender based violence into femicide, or for circumventing the prosecution of such crimes.

SPECIAL EVENT: SECURITY SECTOR REFORM: A TOOL FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION *(organized by the Government of Slovakia, the UNODC Regional Section for Europe, West and Central Asia and the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe)*

Speaking at the event, Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of UNODC, said: "Supporting conflict prevention through security sector reform is a highly relevant priority, which is fully in line with the UN Secretary-General's vision." Welcoming the recent integration of security sector reform and governance as a new topic in the OSCE-UNODC Joint Action Plan for 2018-2019, Mr. Greninger, Secretary-General of the OSCE, said he would welcome an even closer co-operation in the future. Also speaking at the event, Mr. Michal Mlynár, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations in New York, stressed: "A well-governed and

accountable security sector is a pre-condition for addressing transnational organized crime effectively". Similarly, Mr. Ján Kubiš, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and Head of the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq, emphasized the need for ownership, partnership and an inclusive approach "in order to effectively reach a security environment".

Mr. Jabir Hemaïdawi, Permanent Representative of Iraq to the UN in Vienna, and Mr. Masood Ahmad Azizi, Afghanistan's Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, called upon the international community to provide further support, which in turn, will help Afghanistan and Iraq effectively implement the reforms.

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM: PROMOTING NON-CUSTODIAL MEASURES *(organized by the Government of Norway, United Nations Asia and Far East Institute, the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States, the UNODC Drug Prevention and Health Branch and the UNODC Justice Section)*

This side event featured an eminent panel consisting of Mr. Gilberto Gerra (UNODC Drug Prevention and Health Branch), Ms. Valérie Lebaux (UNODC Justice Section), Mr. Mats Benestad (Permanent Mission of Norway), Ms. Carina Ferreira Borges (WHO Europe), Ms. Mana Yamamoto (UNAFEI), Mr. Cristian Gabriel Taboada (OAS Security and Justice Section), and Mr. Brendan Hughes (EMCDDA), to discuss the role of non-custodial measures in addressing the global prison crisis, particularly with a view to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

At its core lies the vision of achieving an inclusive world, which speaks to the notion of empowerment and the principle of non-discrimination. Panellists reaffirmed that non-custodial measures and, more broadly, a non-punitive approach to some offences, especially where vulnerable groups are concerned, are of key importance in meeting member states' pledge to leave no one behind and reach those furthest behind first. Speakers stressed the



relationship between economic marginalisation, social exclusion and delinquency, highlighting potential of rehabilitative approaches to reduce recidivism as well as prison overcrowding. The event simultaneously served as an occasion to present the advanced copy of the UNODC/WHO publication "Treatment and Care for People with Drug Use Disorders in Contact with the Criminal Justice System: Alternatives to Conviction or Punishment", which deals with the treatment component of a comprehensive health and justice response for people with drug use disorders in contact with the criminal justice system.

TOWARDS ACHIEVING HUMANE PRISONS: PRISON PLANNING AND DESIGN *(organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the UNODC Justice Section)*

The side event was chaired by the Justice Section and featured two speakers: Ms. Sara Snell from ICRC and Mr. Will Thurbin from the UN Office of Project Services (UNOPS). The main purpose of this side event was to launch the new ICRC publication “Towards Humane Prisons”, which promotes a principled and participatory approach to prison planning and design. This publication provides precious guidance to countries in an area where national capacity is often



missing. UNOPS presented their experiences in applying their Technical Guidance for Prison Planning, published in 2015, and some of the major challenges facing national authorities when designing a prison. The event was well attended and the lively questions and answers session

demonstrated the importance of this often neglected topic.

Thursday, 17 May 2018

OUTCOMES OF THE LAUNCH OF THE GLOBAL JUDICIAL INTEGRITY NETWORK *(organized by the UNODC Corruption and Economic Crime Branch Doha Declaration Programme)*

The side event provided participants of the 27th CCPCJ with the opportunity to learn about the main outcomes of the Launch Event of the Global Judicial Integrity Network and the Network's priorities and activities for the near future (www.unodc.org/ji/). Mr. Oliver Stolpe, UNODC Senior Programme Officer, moderated the event. Ms. Roberta Solis, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, presented the work leading up to the creation of the Network, the outcomes of the launch event and the upcoming activities of the Network. The event also hosted the intervention of Hon. Đuro Sessa, Chief Justice at the Supreme Court of Croatia, Chair of the Consultative Council of European Judges and one of the Members of the newly established Advisory Board of the Network. The presentations were followed by a Q & A session, including a discussion about the role of Judicial Councils on regulating the judiciary, and the next steps to expand the Global Judicial Integrity Network.



MENTAL HEALTH IN PRISONS *(organized by the UNODC Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section, the UNODC HIV/AIDS Section, the UNODC Justice Section and Penal Reform International)*

The aim of the event was to raise awareness on the importance of promoting mental health in prison settings, reflecting the general impact which the deprivation of liberty has on individuals as well as the typical profile of prison populations.

This side event saw an audience of more than 50 participants, representatives of Member States, UN agencies, partner International Organizations and Civil Society. The event was organized by the Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation, the Justice and the HIV/AIDS Sections of UNODC in Partnership with Penal Reform International. The panel of experts also included representatives from the Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization and the Medical University of Vienna.

In addition to interventions aimed at providing comprehensive support to prisoners, the side event addressed issues related to the lack of appropriate treatment and care for people suffering from mental health issues in contact with the criminal justice system, including cases of co-morbidity with substance use disorders. It was an occasion for UNODC, Member States and non-governmental organizations to present and discuss findings, recent activities and concrete initiatives undertaken on this topic.

Among the other interventions, Mr. Gilberto Gerra, Chief of the UNODC Drug Prevention and Health Branch, focused his presentation on psychological and psychiatric vulnerabilities of



people in prison, including HIV/AIDS prevalence, with data and figures from many countries worldwide. Mr. Philipp Meissner from the UNODC Justice Section provided an overview of the international legal framework (the Nelson Mandela Rules) as well as presented direct consequences of imprisonment on mental health. Ms. Carina Ferreira Borges from the WHO Regional Office for Europe

introduced the WHO Health in Prisons European Database (HIPED), presenting data on the European situation with regard to the management and responsibilities to provide mental health programmes in prison settings. Ms. Olivia Rope from Penal Reform International presented the most recent publication of the London-Headquartered NGO on Mental Health in Prison, a Short Guide for Prison Staff. Finally, Ms. Marisa Silbernagl from the Medical University of Vienna shared the Austrian experience on treatment and care programmes for people with psychiatric disorders in prison settings. The Side event concluded with a Q&A session.

SUPPORTING COUNTER-CYBERCRIME EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION AND DIGITAL FORENSICS *(organized by the UNODC Tunisia Office)*

Tunisia was identified by ROMENA as a pilot country for the creation of the first dedicated Cybercrime and Digital Forensics classroom. UNODC has successfully trained trainers and judicial actors dealing with cybercrime and electronic evidence (judges, prosecutors, police officers, digital forensics specialists, etc.). Mid-2018, UNODC will expand its cybercrime and digital forensics activities as part of an EU-funded large-scale counter-migrant smuggling and human trafficking project. During the event, the results obtained in Tunisia and the expansion of such activities in the MENA, together with current cybercrime-related challenges in the region, were discussed and presented. The Director General of the Tunisian Sûreté Nationale's Police Academy, The Director General of the Tunisian Garde Nationale's Police Academy, the UNODC Cybercrime Expert Project Officer as well as representatives of the US and the EU delegation intervened.

ADDRESSING ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS DERIVING FROM SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE *(organized by the Government of France and the UNODC Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section)*

The event was opened and introduced by H.E. Mr. Jean-Louis Falconi, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations and the International Organizations in Vienna, who emphasized the need for greater international cooperation in order to address smuggling of migrants. The Ambassador further called for strengthening financial investigations and the approach of tracking the money to address organized crime. Mr. John Brandolino, Director of the UNODC Division for Treaty Affairs, highlighted UNODC's continued commitment to combatting smuggling of migrants and providing assistance to Member States in identifying patterns of criminal networks and sharing good practices.

This side event was moderated by the chief of the UNODC Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, Mr. Ilias Chatzis, who introduced the experts from Hungary – Prosecutor Mr. Tamás Kakuja, from TRACFIN in France - Mr. Christophe Labeyrie, and from Bosnia and Herzegovina - Prof. Dr. Eldan Mujanovic. The experts shared their experiences, challenges in financial investigations and good practices in their practical work in the area of financial investigations as part of the investigation of cases of migrants smuggling. Standard steps for financial investigations in smuggling of migrants cases were outlined and discussed. The steps were part of a protocol developed during three regional expert group meetings, supported by France. These findings were also shared with attendees of the side event in form of a report discussing how to best address illicit financial flows deriving from smuggling of migrants in South-Eastern Europe.

COUNTERING THE SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS IN EASTERN AFRICA—TOWARDS A REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION *(organized by the UNODC Regional Office for Eastern Africa)*

The event brought together implementing partners, donors and high-level representatives of beneficiary Member States in the Horn of Africa to discuss the programme scope, design and likely benefits of the Regional Plan of Action to Counter Smuggling of Migrants in Eastern Africa, which is currently in the pipeline. Developed within the context of the UNODC Regional Programme for Eastern Africa (2016-2021) and the Better Migration Management (BMM) programme, the objective of this Plan of Action will be to promote ratification/accession to UNTOC and the Protocols, to facilitate effective implementation at national level, and to improve regional and international cooperation.

MAKING CRIMINALS PAY TO FIGHT CRIME—BEST PRACTICES FROM NAMIBIA ORGANIZED BY THE UNODC *(UNODC's Global Programme against Money Laundering, Proceeds of Crime and the Financing of Terrorism)*

Participants were briefed about the best practices in Namibia to fight crime with the use of confiscated proceeds, after receiving technical assistance from the Asset Recovery Inter-

Agency Network of Southern Africa (ARINSA). The event showed how over USD 70 million has been recovered from criminals in Southern Africa. The impact of ARINSA was also discussed. Speakers included Ms. Loide Aryee, Chief of the Organized Crime and Trafficking Branch; Ms. Olivia Imalwa, Prosecutor General, Office of the Prosecutor General, Government of Namibia; and Mr. Fitz-Roy Drayton, UNODC Asset Forfeiture Adviser, Regional Office of Southern Africa.

A FRAMEWORK TO MEASURE AND MONITOR ORGANIZED CRIME *(organized by UNODC 's Research and Trend Analysis Branch)*



This side event discussed the development of a framework to measure and monitor organized crime in the context of a regional project implemented in the Western Balkans, sponsored by the European Commission. The framework is composed of a comprehensive set of indicators on organized crime activities, the state response to these crimes, estimation of the economic value of the markets and the modus

operandi and structures of the groups. The data will come from various sources, such as crime statistics, in-depth interviews with experts, victims and prisoners, and court verdict analysis. The framework will lead to, for the first time, standardization of indicators to measure organized crime at the national and regional levels, assist in monitoring trends and patterns of organized crime, lead to the development of tailor-made technical assistance and operational activities and contribute to evidence based policy making that can be evaluated against benchmarks. Ms. Tejal Jesrani, Research Officer, presented the framework; Ms. Amra Ibrahimagic, National Focal Point from Bosnia and Herzegovina, explained her role in the implementation of the project; Mr. Uglesia Zvekic, Regional Advisor to the project, discussed the importance of the framework at the regional level, and Ms. Kristiina Kangaspunta, Chief of the Crime Research Section, moderated the event.



EDUCATION AS A POWERFUL TOOL TO PREVENT VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN *(organized by the Government of Mexico and the UNODC Corruption and Economic Crime Branch Doha Declaration Programme)*

The side event featured a panel consisting of Ms. Sara Irene Herrarías, Deputy Attorney-General of Mexico; Ms. Carolyn Handschin, International Vice President for Europe and Director of the United Nations Office for the Women's Federation for World Peace International; Mr.





Antonio Mazzitelli, Chief, Regional Section for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNODC; and was moderated by H.E. Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations in Vienna and International Organizations. The purpose of the side event was to highlight the key role of education as an effective crime prevention approach to address and prevent violence against children, including gender-based violence. The event brought together stakeholders from different constituencies and discussed how education can make a difference in the classroom, school and society at large. UNODC also introduced “Chuka”, an innovative and unique video game, developed under the Education for Justice (E4J) initiative, a key component of the Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration with UNODC’s Liaison and Partnership Office in Mexico. The game empowers children to resiliently respond to violence, and gender-based violence in particular. Speakers concluded that the role of the educational sector was key in ensuring the creation of a protective environment that adequately prevents and responds to violence in all its forms and manifestations.

PROMOTING COORDINATED RESPONSES: UNITED NATIONS JOINT GLOBAL PROGRAMME ON ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS SUBJECT TO VIOLENCE *(organized by the Government of Australia, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, the United Nations Development Programme, the UNODC Regional Section for Latin America and the Caribbean and the UNODC Justice Section)*

This side event, aiming to address challenges faced by women and girls who have experienced physical and/or sexual violence, featured a panel consisting of Ms. Claudia Baroni (UNODC Justice Section), Dr. Elvia Barrios (Judge of the Supreme Court of Peru), Mr. Faisal Shahkar (Additional Inspector General of Police from Pakistan), Ms. Vu Thi Huong (National Legal Aid Agency), and Ms. Alison Drury (Permanent Mission of Austria). The event presented the “UN Joint Programme on Essential Services for Women and Girls subject to violence”, which provides guidance to countries on how to implement existing international standards and norms related to health, police, justice and social services and the coordination mechanisms involved therein. Panellists outlined their governments’ efforts to introduce new policies and legislations, and shared good practices with regard to provision of services for women and girls. Speakers concluded that further awareness raising and sensitization will be necessary to effectively combat violence against women.



Friday, 18 May 2018

UNICRI 1968–2018: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY IN ADVANCING JUSTICE AND SECURITY, THROUGH INNOVATION AND DIALOGUE *(organized by the Government of Italy and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute)*

The side-event highlighted the successful partnership of UNICRI and Italy in supporting the global community to address crime prevention, justice and security related issues; it served as an opportunity to present the most recent achievements in the areas of counterterrorism, social cohesion and exponential technological changes for security and crime control. During the event, Prof. Maria Falcone, Italian Judge Giovanni Falcone’s sister and President of Foundation Giovanni and Francesca Falcone, was nominated as an advocate for UNICRI.



The side-event was framed in UNICRI’s future strategic framework within Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda. High level speakers included: H.E. Ambassador Maria Assunta Accili Sabbatini, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations in Vienna; H.E. Ambassador Giorgio Marrapodi, Director General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy; Dr. Jafar

Javan, Director a.i. of UNICRI; the Deputy Head Prosecutors Ms. Maria Vittoria De Simone, Mr. Giovanni Russo and Mr. Maurizio Romanelli from the Antimafia and Antiterrorism Directorate of Italy.

THE UNITED NATIONS REFORM: ADDRESSING POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR UNODC *(organized by the UNODC Public Affairs and Policy Support Branch)*

UNODC’s Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs hosted a side event to brief Member States on how the UN Secretariat Reform might ultimately affect UNODC, with a specific focus on the UN Development System Reform and UN Management Reform. The event was chaired by H.E. Mr. Lotfi Bouchaara, chair of



the 27th session of the CCPCJ and Permanent Representative of Morocco, who noted that the reforms aim to create a UN that is able to deliver country-orientated services, which will provide countries with the support they need to attain their development goals. Member States attending the event welcomed the initiative as an opportunity to promote dialogue on the Reform process, and expressed their continued support for UNODC.

RESPONSE TO ONLINE CHILD EXPLOITATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: A MULTISTAKEHOLDER APPROACH *(organized by the Government of the Philippines and the UNODC Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific)*

This event showcased a great example of public-private cooperation that is trying to address the issue of child sexual exploitation in a systematic and comprehensive manner: from law enforcement and criminal justice engagement to regional level policy all the way to innovative tools developed in the academic environment. These tools provide law enforcement with the much needed support in cataloguing and identifying new uncategorized Child Sexual Abuse Material in the continuous effort of identifying victims of child abuse and preventing re-victimization.

EXPLORING AND COUNTERING THE LINKAGES BETWEEN ORGANIZED CRIME AND TERRORISM *(organized by the Government of the Netherlands and the UNODC Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch Conference Support Section)*



Organized criminal groups and terrorist organizations can coexist, co-operate and sometimes even converge. Despite the increasing attention paid to this issue in the past decade, much of the evidence of such linkages remains anecdotal. This CCPCJ side event gave an overview of the linkages between terrorism and different manifestations of organized crime, resulting from the international academic conference held under UNODC's Education for Justice initiative in April 2018. This

conference brought together academics and practitioners from across the world to discuss their experiences and research on the topic.

FAST TRACKING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNCAC THROUGH CIVIL SOCIETY E-PLATFORM
(organized by the Government of the United Kingdom and the UNODC Civil Society Team)

The event brought together representatives from governments, the United Nations, and civil society to highlight the significance of civil society involvement in the implementation of UNCAC and its review process, as required by Article 13 of the Convention. The event marked the launch of the ASEAN civil society e-platform, which is an online platform established as a response to the recommendation made by civil society during the Regional Conference on Fast-tracking Implementation of UNCAC for Economic and Social Development in Southeast Asia, held in Bangkok in February 2017. It is the third anti-corruption e-platform supported by the UNODC Civil Society Team, the other two being the anti-corruption e-platforms for Africa and Southeast Europe. The new e-platform will allow civil society organizations from the region to connect, collaborate, and share practices and expertise in their anti-corruption work.

